



YOLO COUNTY CHAPTER

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Mr. Mel Smith, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to you as a Yolo County resident and President of the Yolo-CGJA, a chapter of the California Grand Jury Association, composed of Yolo County residents who are previous grand jury members. Our goals are to support the grand jury system and promote government accountability. One of our tasks is to follow up on prior grand jury recommendations.

The General Manager of the district published responses to recommendations in the Yolo County Grand Jury report for the year 2010-11 indicating intent to take action. Although implementation might have occurred, the public at large and succeeding grand juries are not aware of it.

In its 2010-11 report, the Yolo County Grand Jury recommendation **R-2** was:

“Reverse the Board practice of not discussing Brown Act and ethics policy violation concerns in public. Encourage free discussion as concerns arise.”

Here is the response from the General Manager to recommendation **R-2**:

“ECSD Board of Directors shall enact a Policy regarding alleged Brown Act or ECSD Policy violations.”

Recommendation **R-6** was:

“Complete revisions to series 4000 and 5000 of Policy Manual that deal with Board operations by September 1, 2011. Provide formal training for the Board and administrative staff no later than November 1, 2011.”

Here is the response from the General Manager to recommendation **R-6**:

“ECSD Board of Directors continues to evaluate and revise Policy to meet District needs.”

Supporting documentation is online at <http://groups.dcn.org/yolocgja>, under the Specifics link.

Please provide us with a specific update on your responses to these grand jury recommendations.

We would appreciate your response by June 30, 2013. You can send your response electronically to: Barbara Sommer at cgjayolo@gmail.com. Please note that we will share this letter and your response with the current 2012-13 Yolo County Grand Jury and the current presiding judge.

Sincerely,

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